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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 23, 2002, please find below a clean version of amended claims 14 and 15.

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14. (Amended) The device of Claim 13, wherein said input port and exhaust output ports are joined by a substantially Y-shaped valve and said device further comprises guide means secured to said pipe for guiding said cable.

15. (Amended) A device of the type for extinguishing fires, starting backfires or a control burn, comprising:

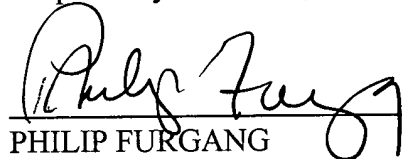
a) engine and blower means, said engine means operating said blower means to create an air stream;

b) an air output hose for directing said air stream at the fire; and

c) at least one hose for selectively diverting the exhaust into said air stream.

Applicant submits the within amendments as directed.

Respectfully submitted,



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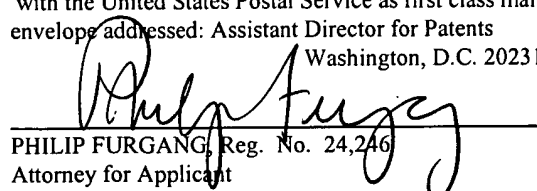
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